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SUBJ: TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN OLYMPICS

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALLAN MACEACHEN, HAS GIVEN PUBLICLY CHARACTERIZED DISPUTE OF ROC PARTICIPATION IN OLYMPICS AS PRIMARILY A QUESTION OF CHINA POLICY. CBC NEWS MORNING OF JULY 15 CARRIED RECORDING OF FOLLOWING COMMENTS MADE BY MACEACHEN IN HALIFAX ON JULY 14: "THE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN, FOR EXAMPLE, DOES NOT AFFECT AMERICAN INTEREST DIRECTLY IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, AND OUR POSITION IS A REFLECTION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND I BELIEVE IT OUGHT TO BE RESPECTED AS SUCH AS WE RESPECT THE QUITE DIFFERENT FOREIGN POLICY ON CHINA THAT IS FOLLOWED IN THE UNITED STATES AND WHICH OBVIOUSLY IS THE BASIS OF THE OPPOSITION TO OUR POSITION AT THE OLYMPICS"

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2. CBC REPORTER ENDED STORY WITH FOLLOWING COMMENT:

"AND MR. MACEACHEN SAYS THAT AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO CANADIAN POLICY ON TAIWAN MAY HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED BY U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN."

3. COMMENT: ECHOING MACEACHEN, CANADIAN PRESS IS ALSO PLAYING ROC PARTICIPATION AS STRICTLY A DISPUTE OVER CHINA POLICY AND WHETHER GOC WILL BE ABLE TO PREVAIL WITHIN ITS OWN COUNTRY. BROADER ISSUE OF WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENT HAS RIGHT TO DETERMINE OLYMPICS PARTICIPATION, RATHER THAN IOC AS HAS BEEN PRACTICE IN PAST, HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY LOST SIGHT OF. PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENCE TO COMMENTS BY WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, AND IT MIGHT THEREFORE BE HELPFUL IF WHITE HOUSE AND OR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN WOULD REASSERT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE ON PARTICIPATION AND SPIKE CANADIAN ASSERTIONS THAT US IS CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT SUPPORTING ROC AS ALLY. ENDERS

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